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Kenji Yamazaki et al.

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TUBE UNIT AND A BLOOD PUMP SYSTEM

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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 16, 2004, enclosed is a corrected "Amendments to the Claims" section:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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